

## HOW TO APPLY

### To apply you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a graduate of an ASHP-Accredited PGY1 Residency Program
- Be a licensed pharmacist in any state
- Adhere to the rules of the resident matching program process
- Be available for a virtual interview

Applicants must submit their application materials using PhORCAS, the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service. Mailed or emailed applications will NOT be accepted.



### Applications must include:

- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation using the standardized reference form in PhORCAS
- Official transcript

Applications must be submitted by January 2nd



Accredited



If you have any questions about the program or application requirements, please contact:

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## VA CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

### PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency



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# PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at VA Connecticut

## FACILITY OVERVIEW



The VA Connecticut (VACT) Healthcare System serves more than 50,000 veterans who reside in Connecticut and Southern New England. VACT provides primary, secondary, and tertiary care in medicine, geriatrics, neurology, psychiatry, surgery, and other specialty areas. As part of the VA New England Healthcare System, VACT is comprised of an inpatient facility in West Haven and two ambulatory care centers in West Haven and Newington, as well as several primary care Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in outlying areas of the state in Danbury, New London, Orange, Stamford, Waterbury, Willimantic, and Winsted. The West Haven Campus has a 150-bed hospital, providing acute medical, surgical, and psychiatric care. The Newington Campus is a center for ambulatory care and diagnostic procedures. The CBOC's provide Primary Care to veterans in outlying parts of the state. VACT conducts research in psychiatry, oncology, medicine, surgery, neurology, and related basic sciences.

Major affiliations include the Yale University School of Medicine, and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and School of Dentistry. VACT is also affiliated with the University of Connecticut (UConn), University of St. Joseph (USJ), Western New England University (WNEU), and the University of Rhode Island (URI) Schools of Pharmacy.



VACT currently has 6 PGY1 Pharmacy Residents, 1 PGY2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident, and 1 PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident.

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The purpose of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at VACT is to develop a pharmacy practitioner with the knowledge and skills necessary to care for individuals with psychiatric and neurologic disorders. The pharmacy resident will train in a variety of settings, with a particular focus on outpatient mental health. Upon completion of the PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency, the pharmacy resident will be qualified to become board certified in psychiatric pharmacy and to practice independently as a psychiatric pharmacist.

All of our former graduates have secured psychiatric pharmacy positions in various practice areas, including inpatient psychiatry, outpatient psychiatry, substance use disorders, and academia.

### General Information

- **Duration/Type:** 12 mo/residency
- **Number of Positions:** 1
- **Starting Date:** July 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Estimated Stipend:** \$58,905
- **Interview Required:** Yes
- **Training Site Type:** VA Medical Center (inpatient and outpatient care)
- **Owner Affiliate:** Federal Government
- **Model Type(s):** Teaching
- **Patients Enrolled:** 50,000
- **Tax Status:** Nonprofit
- **Number of Medical Centers:** 1 hospital, 2 ambulatory care clinic sites, and 7 community-based clinics
- **Total Beds:** 150 (Average census: 120)

### Benefits

The residency program begins July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and ends June 30<sup>th</sup> of the subsequent year. VACT will hire the resident as a 1-year term employee entitled to the following benefits:

- 4 hours of accrued annual leave (vacation) and sick leave per pay period (every two weeks)
- 11 paid holidays
- Health and Life Insurance (80% of premium paid by employer) - a full range of health plans are available

## RESIDENCY STRUCTURE

VACT has a diverse and highly trained clinical pharmacy staff, including multiple Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacists (BCPP). Clinical Pharmacist Practitioners (CPP) at VACT have a scope of practice that allows for prescriptive authority. VACT has a variety of psychiatric opportunities that allow for a well-rounded experience and can be targeted to meet the resident's specific goals and interests.

### Required Rotations

- Orientation
- Inpatient Psychiatry I
- Outpatient Psychiatry—West Haven
- Outpatient Psychiatry—Newington
- Opioid Reassessment Clinic
- Geropsychiatry
- Benzodiazepine Deprescribing Clinic
- Emergency Psychiatry
- Substance Use Disorders
- Outpatient Pharmacy Staffing
- Medication Use Evaluation
- Research
- Teaching and Topic Discussions
- Professional Development

### Elective Rotations

- Inpatient Psychiatry II
- Mental Health Intensive Case Management
- Neurology
- Chronic Pain Management

